

**Amendments to the Specification:**

**Please replace paragraph [4] with the following amended paragraph:**

Referring to FIG. 1, devices to be tested are loaded in the sleeve 1, and the sleeves 1 are loaded in succession on a loader 4 in a loading part 3 in an upper part of the device testing apparatus. A transfer device (not shown) then takes the sleeves 1 one by one from a bottom of the loader 4, and transfers them to a swing arm 5 which can swing to a preset angle. Then, the swing arm 5 swings to the preset angle, for example, 45°, such that the sleeve 1 is pushed toward a transfer track 7 by an elastic force of a spring (not shown) at a rear of an insert piece 6, bringing an opening of the sleeve 1 onto [[a]] the transfer track. Gravity causes the devices to drop from the sleeve 1 through an opening in the sleeve. The devices are then transferred to a testing part 8, where they are subjected to the required testing. After the devices are tested at the testing part 8, they are transferred to an unloading part 10, classified according to a test result, put into empty sleeves 1a, and stacked in succession at an unloading stacking part 11 by a transfer device (not shown).

**Please replace paragraphs [19] and [20] with the following amended paragraphs:**

In a case in which a plurality of sleeves are loaded on and transported by the step 116, the apparatus includes a return means for removing sleeves from the steps 116 such that only one sleeve 'S' is left on the step 116. The removed sleeves 'S' are then returned to the

sloped loading plate 101. This is necessary because the apparatus is designed such that the loading standby part (not shown) is designed to handle one sleeve at a time, and may malfunction if the conveyor belt 115 carries more than one sleeve [[s]] 'S' to the loading standby part (not shown) at a time.

The return means includes a second lower pulley 121 and a return pulley 123. The second lower pulley 121 is fixed to the follower shaft 113 at an outer side of the lower pulley 114. The return pulley 123 is rotatably fitted to a middle part of an inner side of the fixation plate 102 so as to be positioned at an outer side of the conveyor belt 115 [[s]]. The return pulley is connected to the second lower pulley 121 through a driving belt 122 for rotation with the second lower pulley 121.

**Please replace paragraphs [23] and [24] with the following amended paragraphs:**

Upon placing a plurality of sleeves 'S' loaded with devices on the sloped loading plate 101, gravity causes the sleeves 'S' on the sloped loading plate 101 to ~~slide~~ slide down to a lower end of the sloped loading plate 101. Then, as shown in FIG. 4, the sleeve 'S' which has slid down to a corner of the lower end of the sloped loading plate 101 is caught by the step 116 on the conveyor belt 115, and transported upward, and another sleeve 'S' is caught by the next step 116 on the conveyor belt 115, thereby transporting the sleeves in succession. Therefore, the

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sleeves 'S' are automatically transported upward by the conveyor belt 115 one by one from the sloped loading plate 101, and the user is not required to line up and load the sleeves.

The sleeve 'S' transported by the conveyor belt 115 is guided by the guide rails 118 as both ends of the sleeve 'S' are inserted in the guide rails 118 at top of the fixation plate 102 [;] and dropped, in succession, on a sleeve loading standby part (not shown) [[;]] at the rear of the apparatus, and transferred to the swing arm 5 (see FIG. 2) by a separate sleeve conveyor (not shown) at the rear of the apparatus. Then, the devices held in the sleeves that have been transferred to the swing arm 5 are loaded on, and tested at the testing part 8 (see FIG. 2) according to a process as explained in the related art.

**Please replace paragraph [27] with the following amended paragraph:**

As has been explained, automatic transportation [;] and loading of the sleeves onto the loading part once the user puts the sleeves on the sloped loading plate 101 of the apparatus of the present invention improves work and test efficiencies.